

Your two additional
sheets have duly arrived.
I have been so wondrously
busy (and I must be
busy to be prevented) that
I have only had time
to cut them open. The

book will be a
capital one of
its kind. All I
wish is that you
had not been so
squeamish; but
how could you
help it?

Riverside

Maidenhead

10 May 1857

My dear Sir

You are, of course,
at full liberty to use anything
you find in the "Inigo Jones" (or
in any other book with which
I am concerned) in the way
that best suits you. I wish
that I could aid you, but I
recollect nothing of any re-
presentation of an English
merry-making or fair until

the time of Hogarth's
Southwark Fair. However,
I am ignorant on these
matters; but men like W
Carpenter of the B. Museum
could, very likely, refer you
at once to what might an-
swer your purpose.

I hear that it is
your speculation in which
my old friend W. Russell
is engaged. I hope, on your
account and his, that
it may succeed; but I
should fear that the price
is too high, and the subject
a little worn out.

Where I was dining,
the other day, this subject &
Thackeray's lectures were
discussed. I was told, I do

not know how truly, that
your partner, W Beale, was
also interested in Thackeray
and his proceedings. Is this
so? If it be not a secret: if
it be, mum. Thackeray, too,
is an old acquaintance
of mine, to whom I heartily
wish every success. I suppose
that I need not wish it, for
he has it.

Thank you again &
again touching the Piano &
touching its touch. You
will be sure to hear from us all
in good time; but mind: re-
fuse, if not convenient just
then. A week or two can
be of no consequence to us.

Yours most sincerely
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